

CASTLE

"Grammar Will Kill You"

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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. APARTMENT, BEDROOM - NIGHT

The back of two figures in dark coats are seen as the camera pulls back. Also seen is a man's wrist restrained with duct tape.

TRANSITION TO:

INT. APARTMENT - NIGHT

There is a knock at the door. HOWARD MARSHALL pauses at the doorway to his bedroom to put on his glasses. He is in pajama bottoms and barefoot. The knock is more insistent.

MARSHALL

Just a moment!

Howard makes his way to the door and opens it.

TRANSITION TO:

INT. APARTMENT, HALLWAY - SAME

The backs of two individuals can be seen advancing into the apartment as Howard lets them in. The door swings shut.

CUT TO:

INT. APARTMENT, HALLWAY - SAME

ANYA KILBOURNE screams and backs out of the apartment. She sinks down in the hallway as curious neighbors peek out.

CUT TO:

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - MORNING

An ambulance is sitting outside with UNIFORMED officers and Mrs. Kilbourne sits wrapped in a blanket. KEVIN RYAN and JAVIER ESPOSITO are with her asking questions. BECKETT and CASTLE arrive coffee in hand. Esposito excuses himself and walks with Beckett and Castle.

ESPOSITO

That's Mrs. Kilbourne. She found her husband after coming home from a shift at the hospital.

BECKETT

What else?

ESPOSITO

Well, this one is right up your alley bro.

CASTLE

Really? Can't wait.

CUT TO:

INT. APARTMENT, BEDROOM - SAME

LANIE PARISH stands by the victim, MISTER DYLAN KILBOURNE, she is taking notes and leaning over the body. Beckett and Castle enter.

CASTLE

Whoa! You have got to be kidding! Death by stiletto?

ESPOSITO

Told ya.

Lanie looks at Castle.

Beckett fights a smile.

LANIE

Brand new blue satin. Right through the eye.

BECKETT

Is that what killed him?

LANIE

Most likely. He didn't struggle much.

BECKETT

So he knew his killer.

CASTLE

The wife?

ESPOSITO

Doubt it. She was still in her scrubs, and she says she doesn't own any shoes like that.

Beckett looks in the closet.

BECKETT

She's right. Doesn't look like anything over two inches in here.

Ryan joins the group, note pad out.

RYAN

Mrs. Kilbourne says that the good Doctor here taught at the college in the English department.

CASTLE

Disgruntled co-ed? He wouldn't give her an A even after sex and she spiked him?

C.S.U. Techs are crawling over the scene, taking pictures, dusting for prints. They remove the duct tape and stick it to wax paper before sliding it into an evidence bag. The detectives, and Castle, leave the room as the sheet is being pulled off of Dylan Kilbourne.

CUT TO:

CASTLE TITLE CARD

INT. PRECINCT, CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

The BOARD is set up with a picture of the victim, a time line that starts with the time Mrs. Kilbourne last saw Dr. Kilbourne. A copy of his schedule is hung up at the beginning of the line.

CASTLE

This just gets better. Did you read the classes he taught? Grammatical Analysis, World Lit, History of the English Language. No wonder he was killed.

BECKETT

World Lit wasn't so bad.

CASTLE

You took World Lit?

Ryan approaches.

RYAN

I just got off the phone with the English department. Kilbourne hadn't been there long enough to rack up complaints.

ESPOSITO
(enters)
We got another body.

CUT TO:

INT. LOFT, BEDROOM - DAY

Lanie, in the same posture as earlier, taking notes and examining the victim, DOCTOR HOWARD MARSHALL.

CASTLE
It's amazing that I can still be surprized! This is great! This is so going into the next Nikki Heat.

BECKETT
Castle!

CASTLE
It's too good not to! Come on! Two guys killed the same way, the same night, with the same pair of shoes.

LANIE
Castle's right, Kate. On visual inspection this is the mate to the one we found earlier in Dr. Kilbourne.

Castle, as many years as he's worked with NYPD, is still excited with this news.

BECKETT
Who found him?

RYAN
Girlfriend, Renny Ackers. After her shift at the hospital. Also, doesn't own shoes like that.

CASTLE
Maybe they both had a fetish and found someone else to indulge them.

BECKETT
Come on. Bring them both in for interviews. These two are connected more than just cause of death.